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SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

REF: A) TOKYO 10885 B) KUALA LUMPUR 4616 C) JUALA LUMPUR 4619

1. WE HAVE LEARNED MORE BACKGROUND TO AMBIGUOUS RECONFIRMATION TO GOJ BY LIBYA OF AGREEMENT TO LAND TERRORISTS IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA. FONOFF (TAKAHASHI) ELABORATED ON CONFIRMATION BY GOL INTERIOR MINISTER AND SAID THAT RECONFIRMATION WAS "UNOFFICIAL", A FACT WHICH, HE STRESSED, CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE MADE PUBLIC, BUT GOJ IS PREPARED TO PERMIT PLANE TO DEPART ON THIS BASIS. SWEDISH EMBASSY (ELIASSON) PROVIDED US FURTHER DETAILS ON "UNOFFICIAL" PERMISSION. BASED ON GOJ FONOFF SOURCES, ELIASSON SAID DURING LIBYAN CABINET MEETING ON ISSUE MOFA OPPOSED GRANTING PERMISSION TO LAND WHILE LABOR MIN AL OBIEDI FAVORED APPROVAL. CABINET FINALLY DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO GRANT PERMISSION BUT "UNOFFICIALLY" AGREED TO PERMIT PLANE TO LAND WHEN IT ARRIVED.

2. FONOFF (TAKAHASHI) SAID GOJ IS CONSIDERING THREE ROUTES TO LIBYA BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION BY AT LEAST ONE COUNTRY ON EACH OF THREE ROUTES. INDIA IS APPARENTLY MAJOR HURDLE, BUT IRAN ALSO HAS NOT

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YET GRANTED PERMISSION. PAKISTAN AGREED, INCLUDING

REFUELLING STOPS IN KARACHI. SOUTH YEMEN, EGYPT HAVE
APPROVED AND TURKEY IS EXPECTED TO AGREE, SHOULD ROUTE OVER
TURKEY BE FOLLOWED.

3. OBVIOUSLY DELAYED PAST EARLIER ESTIMATES, FONOFF IS
UNSURE NOW WHEN PLANE CAN TAKE OFF.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOJ HAS DECIDED, AS TAKAHASHI
AND EARLIER EGAWA INDICATED (REF A), TO TAKE OFF FOR LIBYA
WITH "UNOFFICIAL" PERMISSION OVERFLIGHT/REFUELLING PERMISSION
APPEARS TO BE CURRENT HOLD UP.
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